



Privacy Policy

Introduction

Doxa School Bendigo is committed to providing an environment of peace and healing where spirits can be nurtured and faith restored. In the light of this statement Doxa School Bendigo is committed to respecting the privacy of all individuals within and around our community, through the responsible, safe and appropriate management of personal information and maintaining confidentiality wherever necessary.

1. Your privacy is important

This statement outlines Doxa School Bendigo's policy on how it uses and manages personal information provided to or collected by it.

Doxa School Bendigo is bound by the National Privacy Principles contained in the Commonwealth Privacy Act.

Doxa School Bendigo may, from time to time, review and update this Privacy Policy to take account of new laws and technology, changes to schools' operations and practices and to make sure it remains appropriate to the changing school environment.

2. What kind of personal information does the School collect and how does the School collect it?

The type of information Doxa School Bendigo collects and holds includes (but is not limited to) personal information, including sensitive information, about:

- a) students and parents and/or guardians ('Parents') before, during and after the course of a student's enrolment at the school;
- b) job applicants, staff members, volunteers and contractors; and
- c) other people who come into contact with the School.

Personal Information you provide: The school will generally collect personal information held about an individual by way of forms filled out by Parents or students, face-to-face meetings and interviews, and telephone calls. Medical and Psychological information may be provided to the school as well as letters and reports from other professionals responsible for supporting our students. Legal and Court documents relevant to the student or family may also be provided to the school

Personal Information provided by other people: On occasions people other than Parents and students provide personal information, particularly Psychological testing, and other relevant testing, letters and reports from Doctors, Psychologists, Paediatricians, Government Departments or private organisations who provide services to families or young people.

Exception in relation to employee records: Under the Privacy Act the National Privacy Principles do not apply to an employee record. As a result, this Privacy Policy does not apply to the school's treatment of an employee record, where the treatment is directly related to a current or former employment relationship between the School and employee.

3. How will the school use the personal information you provide?

The school will use personal information it collects from you for the primary purpose of collection, and for such other secondary purposes that are related to the primary purpose of collection and reasonably expected, or to which you have consented.

Students and Parents: In relation to personal information of students and Parents, the school's primary purpose of collection is to enable the school to provide educational and wellbeing support for the student. This includes satisfying both the needs of Parents and the needs of the student throughout the whole period the student is enrolled at the School.

The purposes for which the school uses personal information of students and Parents include:

- a) to keep Parents informed about matters related to their child's schooling and/or wellbeing, through correspondence, newsletters and magazines;
- b) day-to-day administration;
- c) looking after students' educational, social and medical wellbeing;
- d) seeking donations and marketing for the School;
- e) to satisfy the school's legal obligations and allow the school to discharge its duty of care.

In some cases where the school requests personal information about a student or Parent, if the information requested is not obtained, the School may not be able to enrol or continue the enrolment of the student.

Job applicants, staff members, volunteers and contractors:

In relation to personal information of job applicants, staff members and contractors, the school's primary purpose of collection is to assess and (if successful) to engage the applicant, staff member or contractor, as the case may be.

The purposes for which the school uses personal information of job applicants, staff members and contractors include:

- f) in administering the individual's employment or contract, as the case may be;
- g) for insurance purposes;
- h) seeking funds and marketing for the school;
- i) to satisfy the school's legal obligations, for example, in relation to child protection legislation.

Volunteers: The school also obtains personal information about volunteers who assist the school in its functions or conduct associated activities, such as Parents & Friends Associations, volunteer program support, school committees etc, to enable the school and the volunteers to work together.

Marketing and fundraising: If, in the future, the school seeks donations for its future growth and development, then personal information held by the school may be disclosed to an organisation that assists in the school's fundraising.

Parents, staff, contractors and other members of the wider school community may from time to time receive fundraising information. School publications, like newsletters and magazines, which include personal information, may be used for marketing purposes.

4. Who might the School disclose personal information to?

The school may disclose personal information, including sensitive information, held about an individual to:

- a) another school;
- b) government departments;
- c) medical practitioners;
- d) people providing services to the school, including specialist visiting teachers and sports coaches, other professionals;
- e) recipients of school publications, like newsletters and magazines;
- f) Parents; and

g) anyone you authorise the school to disclose information to.

Sending information overseas: The school will not send personal information about an individual outside Australia without:

h) obtaining the consent of the individual (in some cases this consent will be implied);
or

i) otherwise complying with the National Privacy Principles.

5. How does the School treat sensitive information?

In referring to 'sensitive information', the school means: information relating to a person's racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religion, trade union or other professional or trade association membership, sexual preferences or criminal record, that is also personal information; and health and educational information about an individual.

Sensitive information will be used and disclosed only for the purpose for which it was provided or a directly related secondary purpose, unless you agree otherwise, or the use or disclosure of the sensitive information is allowed by law.

6. Management and security of personal information

The school's staff are required to respect the confidentiality of students' and Parents' personal information and the privacy of individuals. Personal information will be shared between school staff appropriately and with the required permissions as needed to support the student or family.

The school has in place steps to protect the personal information the school holds from misuse, loss, unauthorised access, modification or disclosure by use of various methods including locked storage of paper records and pass worded access rights to computerised records.

7. Updating personal information

The school endeavours to ensure that the personal information it holds is accurate, complete and up-to-date. A person may seek to update their personal information held by the school by contacting the Principal at any time.

The National Privacy Principles require the school not to store personal information longer than necessary.

8. You may seek access to the personal information the School holds about you

Under the Commonwealth Privacy Act, an individual may seek access to personal information that the school holds about you. There are some exceptions to this set out

in the Act. Students will generally have access to their personal information through their Parents, but older students may seek access themselves.

To make a request to access any information the school holds about you or your child, please contact the School Principal in writing.

The school may require you to verify your identity and specify what information you require.

9. Consent and rights of access to the personal information of students

The school respects every Parent's right to make decisions concerning their child's education.

Generally, the school will refer any requests for consent and notices in relation to the personal information of a student to the student's Parents. The school will treat consent given by Parents as consent given on behalf of the student, and notice to Parents will act as notice given to the student.

Parents may seek access to personal information held by the school about them or their child by contacting the Principal. However, there will be occasions when access is denied. Such occasions would include where release of the information would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others, or where the release may result in a breach of the School's duty of care to the student.

The school may, at its discretion, on the request of a student grant that student access to information held by the school about them, or allow a student to give or withhold consent to the use of their personal information, independently of their Parents. This would normally be done only when the maturity of the student and/or the student's personal circumstances so warranted.

10. Enquiries

If you would like further information about the way the school manages the personal information it holds, please contact the Principal.